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SUBJ: US MILITARY OPERATIONS IN KENYA IN SUPPORT OF
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1. SUMMARY. KUSLO PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN KENYA, THE OFF LOADING FROM THE AMERICAN CONDOR OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM VEHICLES, AND THE POTENTIAL CLOSING AND RESULTANT REDUCTION IN USAF ACTIVITY IN MOMBASA'S MOI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT ANY DAMAGES TO THE MOMBASA AREA, ESPECIALLY THE AIRPORT, WERE DETAILED. THE U.S. MILITARY POTENTIAL TO TRANSPORT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF WORKERS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CHIEF KUSLO, COL SWARTZLANDER AND DEPUTY, LTC PRINSLAW, MET ON AUGUST 11 WITH THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT AND KENYA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (KDOD) TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE DETAILS OF OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE. ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY WITH THE ADDITION OF KENYA POLICE.

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3. PHASE II OF THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE AIRPORT IN MOMBASA WILL BEGIN ON 16 AUGUST. AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED THE CONSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE CURTAILED STRATEGIC LIFT INTO THE AIRPORT TO ONLY TWO PARKING PLACES, ALLOWING A MAXIMUM OF 8 C-5 OR C-141 AIRCRAFT PER DAY. HOWEVER, AFTER MEETING WITH THE TALCE COMMANDER, THE MOMBASA AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ACCEPTED AN ALTERNATE PLAN THAT WILL ENABLE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE UNTIL 1 OCTOBER 1994, AT WHICH TIME THE PLANNED PHASE III OF CONSTRUCTION WILL SHORTEN THE RUNWAY AND BLOCK THE TAXIWAY. IF PHASE III GOES AHEAD ON SCHEDULE U.S.

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MILITARY FLIGHTS WOULD THEN VIRTUALLY CEASE.

4. BRIG IKENYE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA (GOK) AND UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES MET ON AUGUST 10 AND WILL MEET AGAIN ON AUGUST 11 TO DISCUSS THE PAYMENT OF LANDING AND PARKING FEES AND THE REGISTRATION OF ANY AIRCRAFT THAT REMAIN IN KENYA FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF OVER 90 DAYS. HE HINTED THAT THE U.N. HAD NO PROBLEM WITH PAYING PARKING AND LANDING FEES, AND THE ONLY UNRESOLVED ISSUE CONCERNED THE REGISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT STATIONED HERE MORE THAN THREE MONTHS. THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP BY A GOK-UN SUBCOMMITTEE. HE STATED THAT THE UN REPS LOGIC IS THAT "THE SERVICES MUST BE PAID FOR." HE STATED THAT THIS MEETING HAS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UN AND GOK WITH REGARDS TO THIS HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

5. CHIEF KUSLO INSISTED THAT THIS IMPLIED COMMITMENT BY A U.N. REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE U.S. MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF MISSION. BRIG IKENYE HAS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE GOK EXPECTS THE USAF AIRCRAFT TO PAY LANDING AND PARKING

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FEES BECAUSE THEY ARE FLYING AS PART OF A UN MISSION OR WHETHER THE U.S. ACCESS AGREEMENT AND MOU APPLY. HE ENDED THE DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HE WOULD STUDY IT MORE AND GET BACK TO KUSLO. (IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING AUGUST 16, MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MWAURA TOLD US THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. MILITARY FLIGHTS WERE UNDER U.S. MILITARY (NOT U.N.) COMMAND AND THEREFORE FELL UNDER THE ACCESS AGREEMENT. KUSLO CHIEF CONFIRMED THAT

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INTERPRETATION. MWAURA SAID HE WOULD MAKE THAT POINT TO KDOD.)

6. THE KENYA AVIATION AUTHORITY REPORTED THAT AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIES WILL BE AT NORMAL STOCKAGE LEVELS BEGINNING 12 AUGUST IN BOTH MOMBASA AND NAIROBI.

7. THE KENYA POLICE STATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO START PLANNING FOR ANY OVER THE ROAD CONVOY MOVEMENTS THAT THE U.S. MILITARY MIGHT LIKE TO CONDUCT. BRAZEAL

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